

Annual Members & Friends Meeting **Saturday, July 17th – 3:00-5:30 p.m.**

The show of support was tremendous from members and friends attending the July 17th annual meeting! Enthusiastic response was noted for HSSNM's work during year three in building and delivering programs and services in education, pet help line assistance, and helping rescue/homeless animals. The meeting was held at Encantada Park Community Center with representatives attending from area animal welfare organizations, agencies, and businesses including APA, ASCMV board & director/staff, SNAP, SHAS, Beagle & Basset Rescue, among other affiliations.

The reception was welcoming for guest speaker Betty Hoover, executive director of the Humane Society of El Paso, and discussion was quite engaged during the Q& A period, on the important topic of "A No Kill Agency". Attendees were impressed with information Ms. Hoover supplied about their on-site volunteer program with levels of training and strong community support, also mention of staff in management team roles with influence in operations and standards of care for shelter animals, and training/continuing education for staff including a "No More Homeless Animals" conference sponsored by Maddie's Fund. Ms. Hoover noted partnerships with El Paso Saddle Blanket, Ft. Bliss, and other businesses/agencies being instrumental in promoting shelter adoptions. In addition to these items, Ms. Hoover discussed target adoption goals, pet retention efforts and alternatives offered to the public over relinquishment of animals to the shelter, as well as expanded veterinarian services provided on-site to save lives.

Luis Granillo, an employee of Beloved Pets & La Paz Graham Mortuary, accepted a plaque on behalf of owner Sal Perches for his generosity and the grateful appreciation of HSSNM for the gifted office space provided by Beloved Pets during the past two years.

Members elected by acclamation at the meeting, to the HSSNM board of directors for the year 2010-2011 are: Frank Bryce, president; Maryln Zahler, vice-president; Win Jacobs, treasurer; Jean Gilbert, secretary; John Jones, director; Judy Long, director; and Bill Smith, member ex-officio.

